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From the Vice-Chancellor's Desk

ANGRAU is celebrating its Diamond Jubilee year (1963-2023), a landmark year for a State Agricultural University (SAU) in India and a jubilant moment for the state of Andhra Pradesh and its farmers. On teaching front, a new Agriculture College was inaugurated at Pulivendula, Y.S.R. Kadapa district by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh Sri Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy, who hails from the Y.S.R. Kadapa district. With the establishment of this new agricultural college in the resource-poor region, ANGRAU pledged itself to build more human resources in agriculture and re-dedicate itself in the service of the farmers. As a part of diamond jubilee celebrations, various academic events are organized by the centres of ANGRAU.

Furthermore, 111th Academic Council Meeting was held and it is decided that National Education Policy (NEP), 2020 guidelines will be adopted by ANGRAU and followed. Inter-Collegiate Sports and Cultural Meet was held for the students for the year 2023 in three phases in the month of November. College of Community Science, Guntur is celebrating a decade of its establishment (2013- 2023) and organized various lectures to commemorate its accomplishments. Open and Distance Learning Centre (ODLC), Guntur started few courses in this quarter and enrolled rural youth, farmers and farm women, etc.

On research front, ANGRAU is successful in maiden saffron cultivation at Regional Agricultural Research Station (RARS), Chintapalle. Also, Springer Nature National bus tour was hosted by ANGRAU and it was decided to execute an MOU with Springer Nature to publish books and book chapters written by agricultural scientists of ANGRAU in near future. Food Technology Expo on value added products was arranged at Dr. NTR College of Food



Science and Technology, Bapatla and various products and technological advancements were displayed. In this quarter, a zonal workshop on 'Natural Farming' was organized at RARS, Chintapalle in collaboration with Directorate of Extension, ATARI, Zone X, in the month of November.

On extension front, Agri-Tech 2023 conference was held in the month of December at Guntur campus and ANGRAU varieties and technologies were displayed to the visiting farmers. ANGRAU Chatbot was released by Hon'ble Agricultural Minister Sri K. Govardhan Reddy, which was designed as a virtual-one-stop solution to the farmers on Whatsapp. RARS, Anakapalle organised its 64th Kisan Mela for the farmers of North-Coastal Zone and displayed varieties and technologies. Six ANGRAU KVK's nurtured farmers received 'Millionaire farmer award of India' at National level in New Delhi for their innovative approaches to farming.

Important days such as World Food Day (October 16th), Acharya N.G. Ranga Birthday Anniversary (November 7th) National Agricultural Education day (3rd December), World Soil Day (5th December), Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Death Anniversary (6th December), etc were celebrated by the centres of ANGRAU.

(R. SARADA JAYALAKSHMI DEVI)

Hon'ble CM inaugurated Ag. College at Pulivendula

Hon'ble A.P. Chief Minister Sri Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy inaugurated Agricultural College at APCARL Campus at Pulivendula on 9th November, 2023. On the occasion, CM said that along with Agricultural College, a horticultural college is also established with advanced central testing research laboratories. These colleges will not only produce valuable human resources but also diagnostic services to agricultural products, the CM added. Sri. M.D. Amzath Basha, Minister for Minority Affairs, Govt. of A.P.; Sri. K. Govardhan Reddy, Minister for Agriculture, Horticulture, and Cooperation; Sri A. Suresh, Minister for Municipal Administration & Urban Development; Sri Gopala Krishna Dwivedi, IAS, Special Chief Secretary (Agriculture and Cooperation), Govt. of A.P.; Sri. V. Vijaya Ramaraju,



IAS, Dist. Collector & Magistrate, Dr. R. Sarada Jayalakshmi Devi, Vice- Chancellor, ANGRAU and Dr. T. Janaki Ram, Vice-Chancellor, Dr. YSRHU and M.V.S. Naidu, Associate Dean, Agricultural College, Pulivendula participated.

Agri-Tech 2023 Conference Held

Shri K. Govardhan Reddy, Minister for Agriculture, Horticulture, and Cooperation inaugurated the Agri Tech-2023 Conference and Exhibition set up at RARS, Lam on 3rd December, 2023. During the three-day programme, information on the latest technologies and developments in agriculture, agricultural engineering, horticulture and community science was provided to the farmers by the scientists.

Chief Guest Shri K. Govardhan Reddy stated that A.P. state government is committed to the welfare of the farmers and boosting their morale through various welfare schemes is the prime goal of the Government. RBKs are serving as one-stop-solution for the farmers, he added. Dr.R.Sarada Jayalakshmi Devi, Hon'ble

Vice-Chancellor explained the importance of Agriculture Education Day and also spoke about the various research programs of ANGRAU highlighting recent advancements such as Drone Technology, ANGRAU Chatbot, etc. Farmers from all 26 districts in the State arrived at the programme in groups mobilized by the KVKs, DAATTCs and Dept. of Agriculture. The Conference also featured more than 50 stalls exhibiting the latest equipment, technology and seed varieties for agriculture and allied sectors. Valedictory function was arranged on 5th December, 2023 and Hon'ble V-C handed over the prizes for the winners of the competitions held on the occasion of World Soil Day (December 5th every year).



ANGRAU Diaries and Calendars 2024 Released

Sri K. Govardhan Reddy, Hon'ble Minister for Agriculture, Horticulture, Food Processing & Co-operation released the ANGRAU Diaries (2024), Wall Calendars and Table Calendars on 29th December, 2023 in the presence Dr. R. Sarada Jayalakshmi Devi, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor; Dr. A. Subbarami Reddy, Director of Extension; Dr. B. Mukunda Rao, PS (Ag. Extension) and Dr. L. Siva Jyothi, Program Coordinator, KVK, Nellore. The Minister appreciated ANGRAU team for timely publication of the Diaries and Calendars.



Springer Nature National Bus Tour at ANGRAU

The Ministry of Education, GoI, New Delhi teamed up with Springer Nature and launched the National Research Bus Tour, an initiative taken up to boost India's research landscape. ANGRAU is one of the 15 institutes and the only agricultural institute selected for knowledge sharing, panel discussion on innovation in research. Mr. Venkatesh Sarvasiddhi, Managing Director, Springer Nature India, along with Mr. Ed Gerstner, Director of Research Environment Alliances, Springer Nature and Mr. Arend Kuester, Director, Academic Affairs at Springer Nature participated in the event held at Krishna Auditorium, RARS, Lam, Guntur on 13th October, 2023. Dr. R. Sarada Jayalakshmi Devi, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor spoke on the occasion and said that location-specific ANGRAU research outcomes needs more visibility and springer nature should help publish quality research papers from India and also should seek

solutions to the U.N. Sustainable Development Goals through agricultural research outcomes. Dr. A. Mani, University Librarian (i/c), delivered a presentation on ANGRAU's efforts for providing both physical and digital resources to the students and faculty. Mr. Arend Kuester delivered a presentation on 'Making Research Count – Open Access and Open Science'. Mr. Ed Gerstner led the panel discussion on 'Strategies to Make Agricultural Research Visible' and answered the FAQs of the students and faculty. Mr. Venkatesh Sarvasiddhi said that Springer Nature will publish books and book chapters written by agricultural scientists and a MoU will be executed with ANGRAU to achieve the goal. As part of the research summit, four women scientists (Dr. R. Sarada Jayalakshmi Devi, Dr. A. Mani, Dr. L. Prasanthi and Dr. Ch. Seeta Ramalakshmi) posters on the theme – 'Her Research – Our Future' received prizes.



Workshop on Natural Farming for KVKs

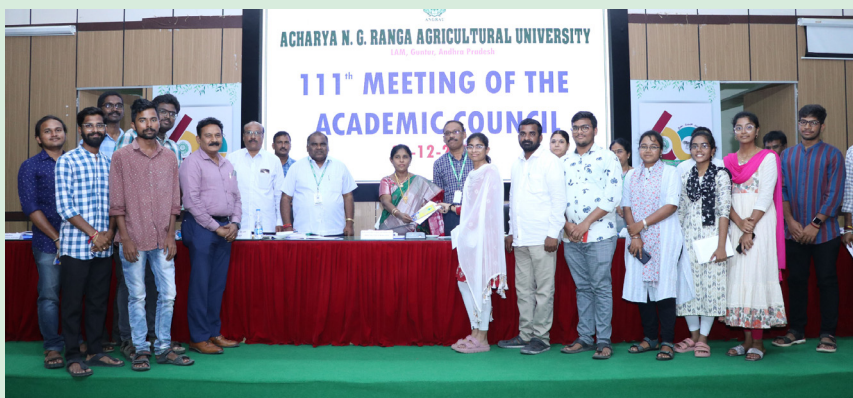
Directorate of Extension, ATARI, Zone X, Hyderabad in collaboration with Regional Agricultural Research Station (RARS), Chintapalle organized Review and Capacity Building Workshop on Natural Farming to the KVKs of Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Tamilnadu and Puducherry on 15th and 16th December, 2023. Programme Coordinators and Nodal Officers (Natural Farming) of 44 KVKs implementing Natural Farming scheme participated. Dr. S. N. Meera, Director, ATARI, Zone X spoke on the occasion and said that HAT zone is the right zone to promote Natural Farming initially in Andhra Pradesh because of the agro-climatic conditions and tribal farmers unwillingness to adopt chemical farming. Dr. E. Karuna Sree, Director of Extension, Dr. Y.S.R Horticulture University; Dr. Murugan, Director of Extension, TNAU; Dr. J.V. Prasad, Principal Scientist, ATARI, Zone X; Dr. S.J. Rahman, PS & University Head (Entomology), PJTSAU; Dr. B. Mukunda Rao, Principal Scientist (Extension); Dr. Suresh Kumar, ADR, RARS and Dr. G. Krishna Reddy, Principal Scientist (Agronomy) Chintapalle participated.



111th Academic Council Meeting Held

The 111th meeting of the Academic Council of ANGRAU was held on 29th December, 2023 at Krishna Auditorium, RARS, Lam, Guntur. Dr. R. Sarada Jayalakshmi Devi, Vice-Chancellor, ANGRAU presided the meeting as its Chairman. Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor said that ANGRAU is following suggestions of 5th Dean Committee guidelines and is following the syllabus and standards of the teaching prescribed by the committee. She also spoke about National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 guidelines to be followed by ANGRAU. Dr. G. Rama Rao, Registrar stated that a committee will be constituted for finalizing the qualifications for various posts of teaching/research associates at Polytechnics. Dr. G. Karuna Sagar, Dean of Agriculture elaborated about the progress on the decisions taken in the 110th academic council meeting and put forth the

22 agenda items of the 111th meeting for discussion. The agenda items were discussed thoroughly and approvals were given for few resolutions. Dr. N. Senthil, Dean, School of Postgraduate Studies, TNAU, Coimbatore; Dr. B. Srinivasulu, Registrar, Dr. YSRHU, Tadepalligudem; Dr. R. Sudhakar, Professor, PJTSAU, Hyderabad; Dr. M. Sankaran, PS & Head (Fruit Crops), IIHR, Bangalore served as the experts. A total of 103 members of the academic council participated.



ANGRAU ChatBot Released

ANGRAU ChatBot, a whatsapp based ChatBot was designed in Telugu to serve as a virtual one-stop-solution for Andhra Pradesh farmers. The ChatBot was released on 2nd December, 2023 by the auspicious hands of Sri K. Govardhan Reddy, Hon'ble Minister for Agriculture, Govt. of A.P. in the presence of Dr. R. Sarada Jayalakshmi Devi, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor and Dr. G. Rama Rao, Registrar, Dr. L. Prasanthi; Director of Research; Dr. A. Subbarami Reddy; Dr. A. Vishnuvardhan Reddy, Special Officer and Dr. A. Lalitha, Principal Agricultural Information Officer (FAC). Till date, a total of 3000 farmers across



all districts of A.P. were benefitted from the ANGRAU ChatBot service offered by the Electronic Wing of the University.

64th Kisan Mela at RARS, Anakapalle

Regional Agricultural Research Station, Anakapalle organized 64th Kisan Mela Cum Technology and Demonstration Mela celebrations on 19th December, 2023. Dr. L. Prasanthi, Director of Research presided the sessions. Sri. Dr. K. Vishnu Murthy, Representative of Member of Parliament, Anakapalle; Dr. P.V. K. Jagannadharao, Associate Director of Research, RARS, Anakapalle; Dr. D. Ratnakar, Chairman, Visakha Farmers Federation; Smt. Sai Lakshmi, Member, Board of Management, ANGRAU were the dignitaries. The celebrations started with inaugural opening of exhibition stalls by the dignitaries. Dr. L. Prasanthi stated that the export potential for non-basmati rice increased and asked the farmers to grab the opportunity. She emphasized that ANGRAU is the first university giving trainings on drone technology with affordable price and already completed 23 remote pilot trainings. Dr. P.V.K. Jagannadha Rao explained the progress made at RARS, Anakapalle during 2022-23. He also mentioned that construction of incubation centre for process

of jaggery, jack fruit and millets value added products is under progress. Smt. Sai Lakshmi congratulated the scientists for the technologies developed in the recent years. Dr. K. Vishnu Murthy appreciated the technologies developed by RARS, Anakapalle and he suggested farmers to take healthy food for a happy life. Sri. Ratnakar narrated the services of RARS, Anakapalle for the last 110 years. Dr. D. Adilakshmi, Principal Scientist (Sugarcane) explained the varieties developed and Research activities of RARS, Anakapalle in detail. A Quiz programme to the farmers, farmer-scientist interaction, field visit to the farmers, demonstration on mini tractor operated rotovator, power weeders, boom sprayer, trash shredder, drone sprayings were arranged. Later awards were presented to winners. Around 150 officials; 1450 farmers from NC Zone and 500 students from different Agricultural polytechnics and Agricultural engineering polytechnics of North Coastal Zone participated.



Internship program to 6th Cohort Incubatees of ANGRAU-ABI

ANGRAU Agri-Business Incubator launched the two months Internship/Incubation Programme to 6th COHORT Incubatees (Total - 48 Incubates- i.e. 30-AOP & 18-SAIP) on 9th October and continued up to 9th December, 2023. Prof. D. Bharathi, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Sri Padmavathi Mahila Vishwa Vidyalayam, Tirupati; Dr. G. Prabhakar Reddy, Associate Dean, S.V. Agricultural College and Dr. P. V. Satya Gopal, Professor and Head, IABM graced the event as guests. Dr. C. Ramana, Associate Director of Research, RARS and Dr. P. Bala Hussain Reddy, PI & CEO of ANGRAU Agri-Business Incubator and dignitaries participated in the inauguration event on 9th October, 2023. The team organized various Physical & Virtual mentoring Sessions to the 6th COHORT incubatees on

various topics of entrepreneurship. First Physical module was organized between 9th and 14th October, 2023 with expert resource persons on various topics at Regional Agricultural Research Station, Tirupati. A virtual training programme was organized between 16th Oct, 2023 and 25th Nov, 2023. Agri-Business Incubator also organized grant disbursement event of 2nd Instalment for 1st and 2nd Cohort funded Start-ups on 31.10.2023. Dr. R. SaradaJayalakshmi Devi, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor graced the event as the Chief Guest. Dr. P. V. Satya Gopal, Hon'ble Member, Board of Management, ANGRAU; Dr. C. Ramana, Associate Director of Research; Dr. P. Bala Hussain Reddy, PI & CEO Agri. Business Incubator participated in the event.

National Training Programme Organized

The National Training programme on "Organic farming/Natural farming- Principles and Practices" sponsored by IDP-NAHEP, ICAR was organized between 15th and 24th November, 2023 at Regional Agricultural Research Station, Anakapalle. A total of 29 scientists from across India participated. Training programme was started with welcome address by Dr. D. Adilakshmi, Principal Scientist (Plant Breeding) & PS (Sugarcane). Dr. P.V.K. Jagannadha Rao, Associate Director of Research, RARS, Anakapalle presided over the inaugural programme. Dr. L. Prasanthi, Director of Research, ANGRAU and Dr. G. Karuna Sagar, Dean of Agriculture & PI, IDP, ANGRAU offered their inaugural message to the participants through online. Dr. P. Gurumurthy, Professor (Soil Science) & Member, Board of Management, ANGRAU and Smt. D. Sai Lakshmi, Guest of Honour graced the inaugural programme.

The basic objective of the course is to acquaint the participants with the latest concepts in organic production/natural farming systems. A total of 28 sessions were arranged on different areas of research. Along with class room lectures practical classes were conducted and interaction with organic/natural farming farmers was arranged. Pre-evaluation and Post evaluation forms were filled-out by the participants.

On 24.11.2023, valedictory programme was organized chaired by the ADR. Retired Principal Scientist Dr. K. Veerabhadra Rao and Sri G. Prabhakar Rao, District Horticulture Officer graced the programme as Guest of Honours. The course Director Dr. Ch. S. Ramalakshmi, Principal Scientist (Soil Science) detailed about the 10 days programme offered by the RARS. Training manual was distributed to all the participants. Positive feedback was received from the trainees. The Course Co-Director Dr. Ch. Mukunda Rao, Senior Professor (Crop Physiology) offered vote of thanks.



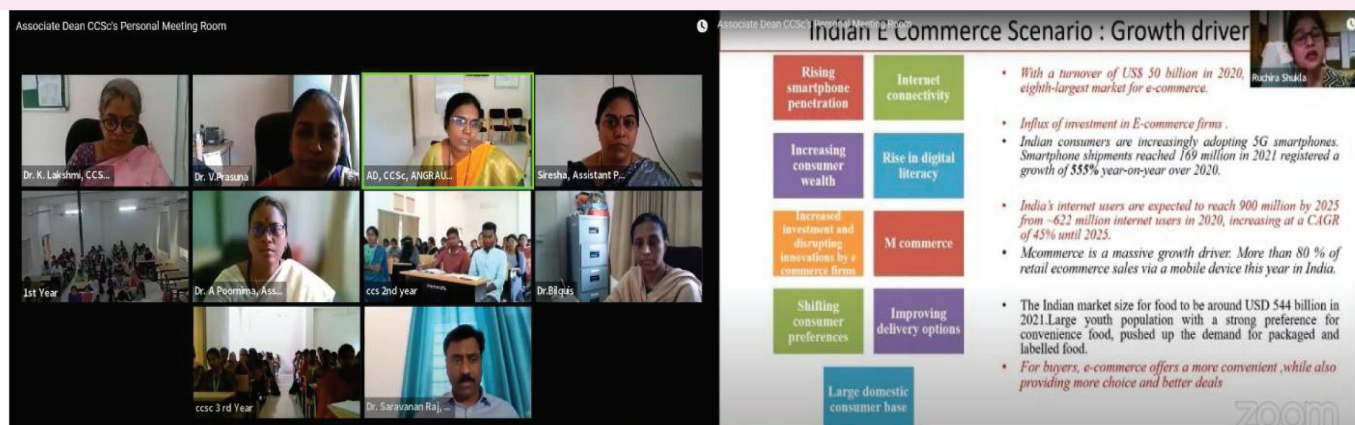
National Webinar by the College of Community Science

College of Community Science, Guntur organized National webinar on 4th November 2023 in online mode under NAHEP-IDP. The webinar was organized by the Department of RMCS and Dr. M.S. Chaitanya Kumari, Associate Dean and University Head (RMCS) chaired the webinar. Dr. V. Prasuna, Assistant Professor (RMCS) and Smt. M. Sireesha, Assistant Professor (RMCS) are the organising committee members.

Dr. Saravanan Raj, Director (Agri. Extension) & CEO-Centre for Innovations and Agripreneurship, MANAGE, Hyderabad delivered the key note address. Dr. A. Amarendra Reddy, Joint Director, School of

Policy Support Research, ICAR-NIBSM, Raipur; Dr. Ruchira Shukla, Principal & Professor (ABM) ASPEE Agribusiness Management Institute, Navsari Agricultural University, Gujarat and Dr. Dudekula Rafi, Business Expert in Agri-value chain, ICAR- IIMR, Hyderabad served as resource persons.

Speakers of the technical sessions oriented the participants regarding how e-commerce has streamlined supply chains, from producers to consumer, processors to consumer and business to business duly reducing wastage of resources and improving market efficiency.



Ms. KCP Endowment Lecture Organized

Ms. KCP Endowment lecture was organized under calendar of events of the Diamond Jubilee celebrations of ANGRAU, 2023-24 at M/s KCP limited, Vuyyuru on 30th October 2023. The workshop was presided over by Sri Y. Sitaram Das, Unit Head, M/s KCP; Dr. A.V. Ramana (i/c), Director of Research ANGRAU, Guntur; Sri V. Venkata Rao, Director of Sugar and Cane Commissioner, Tadepalli; Dr. P.V.K. Jagannadha Rao, ADR, RARS, Anakapalle and Dr. D. Adilakshmi, Principal Scientist (Sugarcane), RARS, Anakapalle.

The Director, ICAR - IISR, Lucknow delivered lecture on “Recent trends in sugarcane for sustainability of sugarcane cultivation and sugar industry in Andhra Pradesh”. The talk mainly covered newly emerging viral diseases of sugarcane and need for mechanization in sugarcane crop. The lecture on sugarcane mechanization and disease management was appreciated by the

sugarcane farmers and sugar industry extension personnel. The participants of the meeting were scientists of ANGRAU, officials of the sugar industry, DCCs of Directorate of Sugar and farmers. An exhibition on prominent sugarcane varieties of ANGRAU and farm mechanization was also arranged for the benefit of the farming community.



ANGRAU Nurtured Farmers Received 'Millionaire Farmer of India' Awards

ICAR Millionaire Farmers Meet - 2023 was organized at IARI Pusa Campus, New Delhi on 8th December, 2023 jointly by Mahindra Tractors and Krishi Jagaran, Agricultural Magazine as sponsors. Gopina Krishna Prasad, Etcherla village, Kongara Mandal, Srikakulam dist. nurtured by KVK, Amadalavalasa; Sri Alluru Radha Krishna Reddy, nurtured by KVK, Nellore; Sri Y. Jagadeesh Reddy, Danduvaripalli village, Bangarupalem Mandal encouraged by KVK, Kalikiri; Smt. K. Saraswathi, Parvathipuram Manyam Dist., encouraged by KVK Rastakuntubai; Sri R. Vijaya Bhaskar Reddy and Sri Y. Madhusudhan Reddy,

Sivampuram village, Singanamala mandal and R. Vijaya Bhaskar Reddy, Chillakondapalli village, Tadimarri mandal, Sri Satya Sai district supported by KVK, Reddipalli and Sri D. Ayyappa Naidu, Vemur village, Tirupati rural mandal fostered by RAAS KVK, Chittoor were felicitated and bestowed with 'MFOI - Millionaire Farmer of India' Awards by the hands of P. Sathasivam, Former Chief Justice of India and Former Governor of Kerala. The farmers received the awards for their noteworthy contributions to Agri. Entrepreneurship and Agriculture Farming and doubling their income in a short period of time.



Intercollegiate Sports and Cultural Meet Held

Intercollegiate Sports, Games, Cultural and Literary Meet was held in three phases for the year 2023. The first phase was held at Agricultural College, Bapatla between 28th November and 30th November, 2023. Dr. R. Sarada Jayalakshmi Devi, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, ANGRAU graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. The second phase was held at S.V. Agricultural College, Tirupati between 12th December and 15th December, 2023. Prof. D. Bharathi, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, SPMVV, Tirupati was the Chief Guest. The third phase was held at Agricultural College, Mahanandi between 19th December and 21st December, 2023. Dr. P. Samabasiva Rao, Dean of Student Affairs



presided the sports meet for all three phases and congratulated the winners of various events. A total of 1542 students participated in various events held at three venues.

Lecture Series on 'Reforms in Community Science' Organized

On the occasion of Decadal celebrations (2013-2023) of the College of Community Science, Guntur and Diamond Jubilee celebrations of the ANGRAU, Dr. M.S Chaitanya Kumari, Associate Dean organized the two days Lecture series on "Reforms in Community Science- EECM, FSNT, HDFS, RMCS, APTX," between 15th and 16th November, 2023 under NAHEP - IDP at Krishna Auditorium, RARS, Lam, Guntur. The objective of the programme is to mark the chronicle and paradigm shift in programme, syllabi and career scope in the job market for community science graduates.

Dr. G. Karunasagar, Dean of Agriculture & Principal- Investigator, IDP-NAHEP, ANGRAU; Dr. L. Prasanthi (i/c), Dean of Community Science invited academic and field experts to the programme and gave introductory remarks. Dr. A. Sharada Devi, Emeritus Scientist (Retd), PJTSAU; Dr. Mahalakshmi V Reddy, Professor (Retd), PJTSAU; Dr. K. Manorama, Professor (Retd), PJTSAU; Dr. S. Ratna



Kumari, Professor (Retd), PJTSAU; Dr. P. Amala Kumari, Professor (Retd), PJTSAU; Dr. G. Anitha, HOD, Dept. of Journalism and Mass Communication, ANU, Guntur; Dr. G. Swarupa, Nutritionist, Andhra Hospital; Dr. V. Deepali, HOD, HAMSTECH, Hyderabad; Mrs. M. Seetha Mahalakshmi, Psychologist; Mr. Ram Nagarajuna Konda, Interior Designer, Space Design, Vijayawada participated as resource persons who shared their insights and experience with the faculty and students.

NSS Special Camp by the College of Community Science

College of Community Science, Guntur organized NSS special camp with theme on "Youth for Better Environment" involving 4th year NSS Volunteers of B.Sc (Hons.) Community Science for seven days between 05.11.2023 and 11.11.2023 in the newly adopted village Nidumukkala, Tadikonda Mandal, Guntur district.

Sixty-six NSS volunteers have actively participated and conducted activities such as Swachh Bharath, demonstration on low cost recipes, yoga to school children, awareness on menstrual hygiene, healthy baby show, health

camp, establishment of nutri-gardens at school and anganwadi centres, wealth from waste, plastic usage and its effects on environment. Village Sarpanch Mrs. Ratna Kumari participated and briefed the students on the problems and potential road map for the village. Dr. M.S. Chaitanya Kumari, Associate Dean explained the need and role of NSS volunteers in uplifting the rural families. Dr. G. Nirmala Devi and Dr. K. Dhanasree organised the camp. As part of the programme, Extension strategies such as door-to-door campaigns, rallies, method demonstrations and role plays were used as a part of the activities.



Food Technology Expo on Value Added Products

As part of the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations of ANGRAU, Dr. N.T.R. College of Food Science and Technology, Bapatla organized the Food Technology Expo on Value Added Products at its campus on 13th December 2023. An array of food products that have been developed through cutting-edge research and technological advancements were displayed by different public and private food industries.

Dr. R. Sarada Jayalakshmi Devi, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, ANGRAU graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. Dr. A. Mani, Dean, Faculty of Agril. Engg. & Tech., ANGRAU represented as the President. Sri Subhash Kiran, State Project Director, A.P. Food Processing Society (APFPS) and Sri Madan Mohan Shetty, Joint Director, DIC, Guntur and Dr. D. D. Smith, Associate Dean, Dr. NTR CAE, Bapatla were the Guests of Honour. Dr. Y. Radha,

Associate Dean, Dr. N.T.R. College of Food Science and Technology, Bapatla & President of the Expo, Dr. Ch. V.V. Satyanarayana, Professor & Vice-President and Dr. L. Edukondalu, Professor & Organizing Secretary also joined the dignitaries in the inaugural ceremony.

The dignitaries explained about the importance of food security and the need of special attention towards reducing food wastage & increasing value addition, in addition to the logistics involved in establishing food processing unit and financial support available under different public sector programmes. The participants included small and medium entrepreneurs, industrialists, beneficiaries of different Govt. programmes and schemes viz., FPOs, DWACRA, SHGs, etc., producers and consumers, other stakeholders involved in food processing and value addition.



Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Death Anniversary Celebrated

The 66th Death Anniversary of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, known as Mahaparinirvana Diwas was observed at Krishna Auditorium on 6th December, 2023. Dr. R. Sarada Jayalakshmi Devi, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor participated and paid floral tributes to the chief architect of the Indian Constitution. She said that Dr. Ambedkar's life is an inspiration for millions of Indians who struggle for right to education. University Officers, teaching and non-teaching staff gathered for the occasion and paid their respects.



Certificate Courses for Skill Development

Open and Distance Learning Centre at University Head quarters, Lam, Guntur was permitted to organize 10 certificate courses for the year 2023-24. In the first phase during August-October 2023, ODLC organized four certificate courses in telugu in online mode on Organic Farming, Bee Keeping, Mushroom Cultivation

and Terrace Gardening for farmers, Rural youth, women, students and other aspirants. A total of 279 candidates registered for the four courses and 229 passed the exam and obtained certificates. The course content included 8 online sessions delivered by experts in the field and one exposure visit to related units and fields in the last week.



Acharya N.G. Ranga Birth Anniversary Celebrated

Acharya N.G. Ranga 123rd Birth Anniversary (1900-1999) was celebrated by ANGRAU centres with great reverence on 7th November, 2023. Teaching and non-teaching staff and students remembered the departed farmer leader for his lifetime support towards farmers' welfare. On this occasion, Dr. R. Sarada Jayalakshmi Devi, Vice-Chancellor, ANGRAU garlanded Acharya N.G Ranga statue at the Administrative Office premises in Guntur and spoke about Acharya Ranga's contributions to the cause of farmers' welfare. University Officers and staff offered their salutations to the great leader.



World Food Day Celebrated

As part of the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations of ANGRAU, the World Food Day was celebrated at Dr. NTR College of Food Science and Technology on 16th October 2023 with the theme “Water is life, Water is food. Leave No One behind”.

A meeting was also organized by inviting the Guests of Honour Sri K. Suresh (Sr. Manager Quality Assurance), Sangam Dairy; Sri B. Sarath Babu, Sr. Manager (Production), Sangam Dairy, and Dr. D. D. Smith, Associate Dean, Dr. NTR CAE, Bapatla with Dr. Y. Radha, Associate Dean, Dr NTR CFST, Bapatla as the President to educate the participants on the importance of food security and nutrition security.

On this occasion, competitions were held on (i) Display of millet - based food products and (ii) Display of innovative food packaging, inviting food technology graduates from other colleges. In addition, quiz, essay writing and rangoli competitions were also conducted



Awards and Honours

- Dr. P.V.K. Jagannadha Rao, ADR, RARS, Anakapalle received ISAE fellow 2023 award in its 57th Annual convention held between 06.11.2023 and 08.11.2023 at UAS, Raichur for his outstanding contributions in the field of Agricultural Engineering.
- Dr.M.Visalakshi, Principal Scientist (Entomology), AICRP on Biocontrol, Anakapalle received ‘Fellow of Plant Protection Association of India’ in the International Conference on Plant Health Management (ICPHM) 2023 - Innovation and Sustainability held at PJTSAU, Hyderabad between 15th and 18th November 2023 for her contributions in the subject matter of Ag. Entomology.
- Dr. Ch.Sreenivasa Rao, as Panel Speaker, spoke on “Experience Sharing - Role of Codex on Food Standards in India” during CODEX@60- Celebrating 60 years of CAC & India’s Journey” on 8th December, 2023 at FDA Bhavan, New

Delhi conducted by CII & FSSAI. Dr. S. Bakshi, Advisor, FSSAI; Mr. Aditya Jain, NDDB; Mr. G. Kamala Vardhana Rao, IAS, CEO-FSSAI and Dr. Steve Wearne, Chairperson, Codex participated in the Panel Discussion. Dr. Sreenivasa Rao is Scientific Panel Member of Scientific Panel on Pesticide Residues, FSSAI, GoI.

- Dr. A. Veeraiah, Programme Coordinator and Dr. S. Prasanthi, Home Scientist, KVK, Utukur received ‘Best KVK promoting millets through value addition’ award by the auspicious hands of Dr. Suresh Kumar Chowdary, DDG (Natural Resource Management) on 27th November, 2023 at International Convention Centre, Hyderabad. Nutri Hub, Indian Institute of Millets Research, Hyderabad organized ‘International Nutri-Cereal 5.0’ and presented this award to the scientific staff of KVK, Utukur.